City of San Diego Community Forest Advisory Board

MEETING MINUTES September 14, 2011 Civic Center Plaza Building

1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:51 a.m.

2) Present:

<u>Members</u> – Vicki Estrada, Fausto Palafox, Robin Rivet, Robin Rivet, Jon Becker, Stephen Lamprides, Craig Jones, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d'Elgin

[Not Present] – Victoria Heithaus

<u>Guests</u> – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Chris Hyatt, and Gabe Filkey.

<u>City Staff</u> – Drew Potocki, Tony Gangitano, Ken Healy, Andrea Demich, Jeff Harkness, Lara Gates, Mary Wright, Deborah Sharpe

- 3) No minutes to approve.
- 4) Chair's Announcements: none
- 5) Working Group Reports: none

6) Discussion Item(s):

- a. CCSE effort to do an expansive GIS/LIDAR tree mapping project for San Diego. Discussed options and uses of several software choices.
- b. ATAC is also developing a large website for local urban forestry. Rivet requested input about what community resources are available in their region, neighborhood, school, government, etc.
- c. Status of open CFAB positions. A.Gabriel reported that the restructuring question has been assigned to a new city attorney, which will push out the final date a month or so. In the meantime, D.Garcia will take all the appointments except the non-profit seat through the approval process. A.Fege's application for chair was received and has gone through the PD background check.
- d. Status and reliability of tree and other data available on SAN-GIS.

7) Action Item(s):

- a. Approve Barrio Logan Urban Forestry Section of the draft Barrio Logan Community Plan. Lara Gates, Barrio Logan Plan Update Project Manager. [Johnson/J.Jones]
- 8) **Reports:** Items <u>not</u> already on agenda
 - a. Board Member Reports. none

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b. City Staff Reports

- Drew Potocki, Urban Forester, Transportation & Stormwater Department, Utilities Undergrounding Program. Taking note of historical trees during continued utility undergrounding.
- Ken Healy, Code Compliance Officer. Thanked F. Palafox for hosting the Eco-Runner events. Reporting continuing efforts to coordinate with BIDs to plant trees.
- Andrea Demich, Storm Water Department, Assistant Civil informational presentation on one of Storm Water's projects in construction - Kellogg Park Green Lot.
- Jeff Harkness, Park Planning. Summarized city staff roles and handed out a draft organization chart.
- c. City Planning Reports: none
 - Lara Gates, Plan Update Project Manager Presented Existing Conditions Study for the Euclid & Market Land Use & Mobility Plan, pointing out methodology for measuring current trees vs. desired trees. Also reported on the receipt of a grant to study open spaces in City Heights.

9) **Public Comment:**

- a. G.Preuss shared SD Vision Workshops mention in Union-Tribune.
- b. Real Estate Agent team Hyatt and Filkey plan to plant 650 trees in council district 3 to replace trees utilized in real estate marketing activities. Looking to CFAB for ideas on where to plant the trees.
- 10) Referrals to Committees: none
- 11) **Adjourned** at 1:20 p.m.

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